



# VolunteerBloomington!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "Live your life so your children can tell their children that you not only stood for something wonderful, you acted on it." ~ Dan Zander

Dec. 4, 2013

## Focus on Food Pantry – Jan. 20

Area 10 Agency on Aging's volunteers offer home-delivered groceries to over 250 people with low incomes who cannot access a food pantry due to age or disability. Volunteers are being recruited to join them on Jan. 20, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There are three ways to get involved: volunteer that afternoon as they spruce up their three storage locations, sign up to help with food drives during the following 40 days, known as the '40 Days of Peace', or enlist in a monthly food pantry shift. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Holly McLaughlin at (812) 876-3383 ext. 522 or [hmclaughlin@area10agency.org](mailto:hmclaughlin@area10agency.org). ([www.area10agency.org](http://www.area10agency.org))

## 40 Languages of Peace

WFHB Community Radio provides annual programming highlighting the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Each year they expand their reach into the community by encouraging volunteerism and partnering with community groups to highlight local diversity. Volunteers are encouraged to assist with their many projects, including collecting oral histories from local African-American elders, producing public service announcements for all other service projects, chaperoning children as they are exposed to the diversity of languages and cultures in Bloomington, and their live broadcast of the City-wide celebration at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Kelly Wherley at (812) 323-1200 or [volunteer@wfhb.org](mailto:volunteer@wfhb.org). ([www.wfhb.org](http://www.wfhb.org))

## Birds and the Bees, Flowers and the Trees – Jan. 20

The Bloomington Community Orchard will host "Birds and the Bees" day from 1-4 p.m. on Jan. 20, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Volunteers will build 10 gourd bird houses and 10 mason bee homes to increase pollination in the orchard. When installed in the orchard next spring, they will enhance the biodiversity of the commons, increase pollinator habitat, and contribute to free fruit for all! This project is tailored to suit the skills and abilities of a wide range of ages. Minimum age is 16; no minimum if with an adult. Please contact Amy Roche at [getinvolved@bloomingtoncommunityorchard.org](mailto:getinvolved@bloomingtoncommunityorchard.org). ([www.bloomingtoncommunityorchard.org](http://www.bloomingtoncommunityorchard.org))

## MLK Day at Monroe County Public Library – Jan. 20

The Children's Department of the Monroe County Public Library will host their annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Jan. 20 with children's festivities to honor Dr. King and to promote tolerance in our community. This event features children's movies and books about Dr. King and his ideals, as well as the Nur Festival, which provides crafts and other activities to promote peace and justice. Volunteers who love being around children are encouraged to sign up to help! Minimum age is 16. Please contact Ellen Arnholter at (812) 349-3100 ext. 1048 or [earnholter@mcpl.info](mailto:earnholter@mcpl.info). ([www.mcpl.info](http://www.mcpl.info))

## Shalom Respite Room

The Shalom Community Center's respite room is used by guests who need a quiet place to rest or sleep for various reasons, such as having a night job or certain medical conditions. Volunteers sign guests into the room, make sure they have a clean blanket and pillowcase, and monitor the room. This is a great position for those who like to knit, crochet, read or study. The room is open for use from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Volunteering for a two-hour shift, one day a week would be a minimum expectation. Volunteers must attend a volunteer orientation, held every Wed. from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Minimum age is 18. Please contact the volunteer coordinator at (812) 334-5734 ext. 23 or [volunteer@shalomcommunitycenter.org](mailto:volunteer@shalomcommunitycenter.org). ([www.shalomcommunitycenter.org](http://www.shalomcommunitycenter.org))

## Community Wish List Spotlight

### Ellettsville Main Street

An all-volunteer non-profit organization which works to revitalize the Ellettsville community while preserving its heritage, concentrating on historic downtown Ellettsville (Heritage Trail, welcome gateways, banners and historic photos). To grant a wish, contact Jeana Kapczynski at [emainSt@bluemarble.net](mailto:emainSt@bluemarble.net) or (812) 876-7350.

**Wishes:** small toys and books for Santa event Dec. 14, children's holiday craft supplies, postage for letters from Santa, historic photos of Ellettsville (especially buildings), limestone benches and planters

*Use the [Community Wish List](#) to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.*

*The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit [bloomington.in.gov/volunteer](http://bloomington.in.gov/volunteer) or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.*

